

## Message Text

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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENCY

REF: A) CAIRO 4671 B) CAIRO 4302

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATED TEXT OF MFA NOTE DATED MARCH 26, 1977  
(RECEIVED APRIL 18) CONCERNING SUBJECT ELECTION. NOTE IS BEING  
ACKNOWLEDGED BY EMBASSY.

2. "MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION  
(ORGANIZATIONS' SECTION)

" NO. 164/1231 MARCH 26, 1977  
EMBASSY OF THE U.S.A.  
CAIRO.

" THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE A.R.E. PRESENTS ITS  
BEST COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE U.S.A. AT CAIRO, AND  
HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM IT THAT THE A.R.E. HAS OFFERED THE  
CANDIDACY OF MR. SAYED MAREI, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S  
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ASSEMBLY, TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AT  
THE ELECTION TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL'S FORTHCOMING SESSION  
AT MANILA DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 20-24, 1977.

". MR. MAREI WAS ELECTED AT THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD  
FOOD COUNCIL, AT ITS FIRST SESSION IN JUNE 1975, FOR A 2 YEAR  
TERM, AND THERE IS NO NEED TO MENTION MR. MAREI'S CONSTRUCTIVE

EFFORTS, AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, FOR THE PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE ALSO PRESIDED OVER THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD AT ROME IN NOVEMBER 1974, AND CONTRIBUTED TO A LARGE EXTENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO REACHING THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS IT TOOK, INCLUDING THOSE PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NECESSARY BUREAUS FOR FOLLOWING UP THESE DECISIONS, INCLUDING THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.

" THE GOVERNMENT OF THE A.R.E. EXPRESSES ITS HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL BACK THIS CANDIDACY, IN LINE WITH CLOSE FRIENDLY RELATIONS PREVAILING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND FOR THE IMPORTANT FACTOR WHICH THE CONTINUITY OF HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IN ITS FIRST YEARS, AS TWO YEARS ONLY HAVE ELAPSED SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, WILL EFFECTIVELY HAVE ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL".  
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE).

3. COMMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION OF USG POSITION ON MAREI'S CANDIDACY. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, HE IS CURRENTLY SPEAKER OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY AND RANKING MEMBER OF GOE HIERARCHY, AS WELL AS INCUMBENT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENT. THERE ARE INDICATIONS MAREI MAY RELINQUISH POSITION AS SPEAKER, WITH PRES. SADAT'S PERMISSION, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN WITHHELD (SEE REF B). IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY BELIEVES US SUPPORT OF MAREI'S CANDIDACY WARRANTS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

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